Technician killed at Bombay airport

2463. DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION & TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a senior technician of the Indain Arilines was killed, recently, at Bombay Airport when metal hub of the nose wheel of Boeing 737 blew off while checking the pressure;

(b) whether any inquiry was conducted by Government into the incident; and

(c) if so, what is the outcome thereof and what action has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) UGCA is investigating the accident. However, on the basis of preliminary investigations, Indian Airlines has been advised to take a few corrective steps.

Development of Beach Tourism in Gujarat

2464. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to encourage beach tourism both for domestic as well as foreign tourists;

(b) whether it is a fact that Gujarat beach has been completely omitted in the National Action Plan for tourism which has been announced; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) National Action Plan for tourism has selected only a few places and Travel Circuits in the country for intensive development. The development of beaches in Gujarat is primarily the responsibility of the State Government. However, the Central Department of Tourism would extend funds to the Government of Gujarat, if specific proposals are submitted by them for development of beaches in Gujarat. In the past, the Central Government has sanctioned the following projects for development of tourism at beaches in Gujarat.

1. Cottage at Ahmedpur Mandvi Beach.
2. Cafeteria Dwarka.
3. Yatri Niwas at Dwarka.
4. 25 beach cottages at Nargole, Bulsar district.
5. Cafeteria at Somnath.
6. Tourist Complex at Somnath.

Utilisation of Airports in Arunachal Pradesh

2465. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION & TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of airports in Arunachal Pradesh which were developed for Dakota and Vayudoot services but have been closed down following stoppage of Dakota and Vayudoot operations on these routes being uneconomical;

(b) what was the total expenditure incurred in developing these airports;

(c) whether Government have any plan under its consideration to utilise

these aerodromes regularly by operating either helicopter or Vayudoot service for the greater interest of the backward people of these remote areas; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) There are five such airports namely, along, Deparizo Passighat, Tezu and Zero which were developed for Vayudoot services in Arunachal Pradesh.

(b) National Airports Authority have incurred an expenditure of Rs. 92.31 lakhs.

(c) Government have approved a scheme for provision of helicopter service by Pawan Hans in this region.

(d) The proposed routes are as under:—

DIBRUGARH—PASSIGHT—TUTING

PASSIGHAT—RING—ANNI .

DIBRUGARH—ALONG

DIBRUGARH—PASSIGHT—TEZU

PASSIGHT—ALONG

DIBRUGARH—DEPARIZO—LIMIKING

DIBRUGARH—ITANAGAR—TEZPUR

DIBRUGARH—ZERO

The services are likely to start by September, 1993.

Ill Treatment of Foreign Women Tourists

2466. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION & TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that foreign tourists specially women are treated very badly in the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a large number of foreign female tourists have been physically assulted, raped and robbed of their belongings;

(c) whether this has adversely effected tourism industry of the country; and

(d) if so, what steps Government proposed to take to check such treatment with women tourists and to boost tourism?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) As and when incidents of crime against foreign tourists includnig foreign women tourists are reported the law enforcing agencies take suitable action on the matter. Appropriate measures are taken to prevent such crimes. Tourist Police Booths have been set-up and tourist police vehicles have also been stationed at strategic locations Department of Tourism also takes up the matter with concerned authorities ag and when complaints of foreign tourists are received.

Flight from Delhi to Dibrugarh

2467. SHRI BHADRESHWAR GOHAIN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for not operating any flight from Delhi to Dibrugarh airport of Assam since a long time; and

(b) by when the operation is likely to start?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Flights between Delhi and Dibrugarh were withdrawn due to inadequate